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A golf tee (10) for supporting a golf ball (12) on a ground surface (14), the golf tee (10) including:

a base (16) defining an operatively upper face (18) and an opposed operatively lower face (20); a pointed shaft (22) extending from the lower face (20), which is arranged to be pushed into the ground surface (14); and a plurality of bristles (24) which extend from the upper face (18) of the base (16) in a vertical orientation relative to the base (16), wherein the bristles (24) are arranged to define an annular support surface (26) for supporting the golf ball (12), characterized in that the annular support surface (26) has an inside radius (R1) of 5mm and an outside radius (R2) of 7,5mm.

- 2. A golf tee according to claim 1 wherein the bristles (24) are arranged in clusters (28) with from 10 to 25 bristles per cluster.
- 3. A golf tee according to claim 2 wherein the bristles (24) are nylon bristles and have a thickness of 0.4mm.
- 4. A golf tee according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the upper face (18) of the base (16) is circular in shape and has a width (w) of 18mm.